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IAPAN'S ACTION PERPLEXES U.S. OFFICIALS CHINA, FEARFUL OF JAPAN WAR MOVES, RUSHES TROOPS TO GERMAN KIAOCHOW

IN THREE DIRECTIONS

ustrian Troops Now Acting With Germans In Belgium—Advance Pushed to Dinant-Lille, Maubeuge and Mezris, in France, Threatened—Lull in Fighting.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 17.—There was a halt in the forrd movement of the German army today. Its infantry nained in position along an irregular line that covered entire eastern Belgian frontier. The cavalry scouts were active, but only in an attempt to develop the lines of e allies. The assertion, however, that the German line s pushed forward to Dinant, fifteen miles south of mur, is accepted as significant.

The German forces are about to strike, and to strike i. in an effort to clear the way for an advance into ance at Lille, at Maubeuge, and at Mezris. The offensive wement may come at any moment. Until noon today war office insisted there had been no general attack, d the air scouts reported the Germans maintaining adneed position.

AUSTRIAN TROOPS IN BELGIUM.

strength of the army now in ferce | tion it is reported Austrian troops are ing the frontier between Germany elgium and France is vevry great, in Belgium, rmy of the Moselle, which operthrough Luxemburg and in the started for the front, and that he was n part of Belgian Luxemburg he second army of the Moselle, entire general staff. has moved directly west from

ere that it is the first on near Dinant. In this connec- frontiers

en route to Mainz, accompanied by the If he has acqually gone there it is to be in position to direct the movement of the entire army, as at Mainz he would be about at the center of the line of the sloselle which has taken of forces along the Belgian and French

RED CROSS SUPPLIES

Parish Hall at Miss Board-

Making of bandages and other sup-

plies to be used in the field by the Red

women at the instigation of Miss Mabel

New Jersey; Mrs. Allen R. Boyd, and

women of the diocese to spend a little

of their time each week making band-

Give to Red Cross.

Contributions of \$16,000 from the Rock-

feller Foundation and \$2,500 from Mrs.

Struck by Motorcycle.

at Emergency Hospital.

WOMEN SEW UPON

man's Suggestion.

now operating with the German army

Reports reaching here from Amster

dam today declared the Kaiser had

BUSSIA IS INVADED BY COSSACK SCOUTS

Petersburg Reports Ger- Bandages Made at St. John's mans Retiring to Main Line of Defense.

FETERSBURG, Aug. 17 .- Strong of Cossacks, supported by light ry, machine guns, and mounted Cross nurses during the European war ry, are penetrating the Prussian The advance was reported occupied the time and efforts of a group to have pushed forward nearly of women of the Enterent discount erburg, having followed the line railway from Eydkuhnen. The Washington, at St. John's parish hall columns are reported contesting today. The work was taken up by the but falling back slowly line of their main fortifica-

Boardman, of the Red Cross, who is a columns engaged are purely reccolumns engaged are purely rec-ering parties, as the main Hussian in is still at Kovno and Vilna. It believed any general invasion man Slayden of Texas; Mrs. Walter rmany will be undertaken untif bilization is completed. prisoners are reported taken, il details regarding losses on either Miss C. B. Saxton are among the lead-are withheld by the war office. ers of the movement started among the

ustrian and Servian Battle Rumor Denied

NDON, Aug. 17.-Denial of a big between Austria and Servia, re-of which were circulated in Paris Cerlin, has been made in a wire-ispatch from Berlin, given to the n newspapers today. The dis-

reads:

O Russian cavalry divisions apin the east and, having set fire
small town of Marggrabowa, east ssia, withdrew over the frontier

lace in Togoland (German West a) between patrols and invading in troops. The enemy lost three killed, but there were no German troops also have entered and, but have not come in contact bruised about the face. He was treated

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Von Wiegand Sends Detailed Account of Happenings in German Capital.

ENSATIONAL RUMORS ARE AUTHORITATIVELY DENIED

Message From The Hague Held Up for Forty-eight Hours by British Censor.

The first complete story of the York today from Karl H. Von Wiegand, United Press staff correspondent in charge of the Berlin bureau. It is plain from its text that the story was held up by the British continued. censor for forty-eight hours. It sets regarding conditions in Germany. The story follows:

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By KARL H. VON WIEGAND,

THE HAGUE, Holland. Aug. 17. -Cut off entirely from communication with the world. Germany is meeting the problems of the war quietly and with determination. Because of the interruption of telegraphic and cable service, the lines having been cut by the enemy, many utterly false reports have been circulated. As an evidence of how complete is the isolation, the death of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson was not known at the German capital when I left there Thursday night. And many of the stories solemnly circulated broadcast regarding happenings within Germany are absolutely

One of the most cruel is that the Socialistic delegation in the Reichstag has been executed-100 of them -by order of the Kaiser, because they participated in anti-war demonstrations. This story also said that Deputy Liebknecht, leader of the Socialists, was sumarily shot by a firing squad after he had refused to join his regiment and that Rosa Luxembourg, whose stories of alleged cruelties to the German common soldier by his superior officers resulted in her arrest some months ago, had also been shot after a court-martial.

court-martial.

These stories are absolute lies. Not a single Socialist has been shot. Not one has been arrested. Lieb-knecht is fighting for the Fatherland, as are hundreds of thousands of other Socialists. Eleven of the Socialist members of the Reichstag are at the front. The attitude of the party in the present crisis is best shown by the action of one of their most famous leaders, who has been released after serving a senttheir most famous leaders, who has been released after serving a sent-ence of one year for making an anti-military speech. He has issued an appeal to all members of the party to rush to the colors and aid in saving the Fatherland.

There has not been an anti-war Socialist demonstration in any part of Berlin since three days before the first declaration of war. It was not until then that the Socialists realized that war was inevitable. Since ized that war was inevitable. Since and have loyally railled to the aid of their country. This last demonstra-tion, however, was broken up by the police. The mounted officers charged crowds without regard for any one. My foot was severely crushed by being trampled by a police horse. Another story given circulation is that Ambassador Gerard has attend-ed meetings held to celebrate German victories. This is utterly with out foundation. The American am bassador has taken absolutely no part in any happenings of a political nature. He and Mrs. Gerard have been working eighteen hours a day

ages and other supplies which the Red Cross will use in alleviating the suf-ferings of the war. Another meeting of the workers has been called for Monday morning at the (Continued on Third Page.) Trade Bodies Asked to Contribute to Red Cross

caring for the Americans who are in

Russell Sage were received by the Red The Washington Chamber of Con Cross today for European relief work. merce and Board of Trade have been appealed to by Miss Mabel Boardman, secretary of the American Red Cross Knocked down by a motorcycle at Sevand a member of the international reenth and H streets northwest today. lief board, to make a substantial con-Stanley White, fifty-three years old, 519 tribution for the relief of the war suf-Sixth street northeast, was cut and ferers in Europe. Similar letters have been sent to all the trade bodies of the

Paris Reports Germans Making Determined Resistance, But Dead and Wounded Said to kun Into the Thousands—Fierce Hand-to-Hand Fighting in Trenches.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—The French army invading Gerevents in Germany following the many is reported slowly but surely advancing in the face opening of the war reached New of most determined opposition. All along the line of Alsace-Lorraine the forces have clashed. The dead and wounded run into the thousands, but the French war office, in a series of official bulletins, insists the French success is

While the fighting so far has been between the adat rest many wild stories hereto- vance guards of the main armies, it has been most desperate fore circulated in the United States, in character. The French cavalry, with its mountain artillery, is declared to dominate the upper reaches of the Vosges mountains. In addition, the offensive movement against Saarburg is being pushed. One column, the war United Press Staff Correspondent In office says, is at Abresweilter, six miles southeast of Saarburg, while other columns are closing in on the city from the west and the north.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN THE NORTH.

there are reported as taking the German advanced base south of Muelhau-

letin posted by the war office the trenches, charged and carried them by storm. There was fierce hand-to-hand fighting in which bayonets were freely the Swiss border.

There is also heavy fighting in upper | used, but the superior strength of the Alsace. The French attacking columns were defeated. Their trenches are reported filled with dead and wounded.
They also were forced to abandon several rapid-fire guns to the French.
During the fighting French aviators
dropped many bombs into the German letin posted by the war office the French army operating south of Muel-hausen, after shelling the German trenches, charged and carried them by later abandoned when the Austrian and German troops effected a junction nes

KAISER IS AT MAINZ GERMAN CRUISERS IN TO DIRECT CAMPAIGN FIGHT WITH BRITISH

Crippled Upon Reaching the

ROME, Aug. 17.-That the German ruisers Goeben and Bresiau were com pelled to take refuge in the Dardanelles because of having been fired upon and crippled by British cruisers, is re-ported by commanders of Italian steamers arriving here from the Orient.

ATHENS, Aug. 17.—Despite the assur-ances of the Turkish ambassadors in St. Petersburg and Paris to the con-trary, it is the general conviction here that the acquisition of two German warships by Turkey concerns both Rus-

Greece to Demand Porte Explain Army on Frontier Four Warring Nations

PARIS, Aug. 17.-Greece will ask Constantinople to explain why Turkish troops are being massed on the frontier of Thrace, according to a report re-ceived from Rome. If the reply of the Turkish government is not satisfactory, Greece will mobilize her army, it is will mobilize her army, it

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

Conference report on shipping registry bill taken up under agreement to vote this afternoon. Senator Culberson says Judiciary Committee is watching rise in food prices

HOUSE. Met at noon. Considered bills on unanimous consent

Adopted resolution asking about press agents in Department of Agriculture. Congressman Britten offered a resolution concerning Japan's ultimatum to

Goeben and Breslau Reported Emperor, Accompanied by Whole General Staff, Arrives to Lead Attack on Allies.

ROME, Aug. 17 .- Word reached here today that Emperor William of Germany, accompanied by the entire German general staff, reached Mainz today. From that point the Kalser expects to direct the entire campaign against the French and Belgian lines.

Earlier reports from Holland said the Kalser was expected to go to Mainz today. Mainz is one of the chief fortified cities of Germany, the largest city in the Grand Duchy of Hesse, on the left bank of the Rhine.

Receive Peace Plan

Answers have been received from four of the big belligerent nations of Europe to President Wilson's proposal. Secretary of State Bryan said that the Administration was not yet prepared to discuss these replies.

Germany was added to the nations who have answered today, leaving Russia alone, of the big powers, to be heard from The mediation proposal has reached

the Russian foreign office, but Czar Nicholas has not yet replied to it. Answers have been received from King George, of England, the President of France, Emperor Franz Josef, of Austria, and today from the Kaiser.

Ban on Absinthe in Paris. PARIS. Aug. 17 .- An order prohibiting the sale of absinthe was issued by Police Prefect Hennier. Barrooms violating this order will be closed. This which the French fleet now dominates, action was taken to keep down disorder

PRESIDENT SEES

Itimatum to Germany From Japan Scanned for Possible Complications.

STATE DEPARTMENT IS SILENT ON SITUATION

Hostile Sentiment.

Secrecy, such as enshrouds the loves of a nation when diplomatic relations require unusual tact, surrounds the part that the United States Government is taking today in the strained relations between Japan and Germany.

President Wilson absolutely re fuses to make any statement concerning the ultimatum of Japan to the Kaiser, other than that he regarded it to have been made in good

Secretary of State Bryan, after a conference with the President this morning, refused to give any information regarding the .conference, which is known to have been a thorough discussion of the curt note to the German nation setting forth Japan's attitude concerning the present situation in the Far East.

The President's Position.

Although the President's expression of confidence in Japan's attitude is generally taken to mean that he does not anticipate that the United States will be involved in the situation through the jolation of the integrity of China, opin (Continued on Second Page.)

FRENCH-AUSTRIAN FLEETS IN BATTLI

War, Craft Clash in Adriatic Sea, Resulting in Victory for French, Says Dispatch.

LONDON, Aug. 17.-Reports of the first naval engagement in the Adriatic tetween the French and Austrian fleets, reached here today from Nish, Servia These reports assert a sweeping victory was gained for the French.

According to the story, which is said to be semi-efficial, the French squadron, which has been in pursuit of the Goeben and the Breslau, encountered the Austrians off Badva, and an engagement followed. After a fight of an hour, two of the Austrian Ironclads were sunk, a third was set on fire, and a fourth sped toward Cattaro, pursued by the French

No details of the identity of the warships engaged have been received here. The loss of life is not known.

British Menace Pola.

ROME, Aug. 17.-The British Mediterranean fleet is off the Austrian naval always in danger of capture by the tase of Pols, in the Adriatic and a bombardment of the defense there is expected. The British fleet of battle cruisers pursued the Austrian cruisers Szigetver and Saida from Antivari to Fola, but were unable to capture them. The Austrians took refuge inside of the rendezvous, under protection of the land forts, and the British cruisers are expected to try out the defenses of the forts with their heavy guns.

Battle Report Confirmed.

LONDON, Aug. 17 .- The official war bureau in a statement issued late this afternoon, confirms the fact that the French fleet has been in action in the Adriatic. The bureasu says:

The French fleet has swept the Adriatic as far noth as the Gulf of Cattaro, the best harbor in the Adriatic, cruiser of the Aspern type."

PRESTIGE IN FAR EAST

HOME

Grave Conditions Might Arise, Say Officials, to Arouse Fleet Prepared to Strike and Army Ready for Transports-American Ambassador Told of Plans of Tokyo Government.

> Stirred by Japan's ultimatum that Germany must evacuate Kiaochow, China has dispatched a strong detachment of troops with the evident intention of seizing the

> Suspicious of Japan's expressed intention to restore the rich German colony and seaport to China, Peking is attempting to forestall any move that the Island Kingdom may make.

> Japan's demand, explicit in terms, is backed by warlike preparations.

Her fleet is manned, ready to strike.

President Wilson and the State Department profess to see no hostility to American interests in the situation. but official Washington sees the possibility of perplexing

Japan's position is no longer in doubt. Her ultimatum asks the impossible.

Her action in demanding the withdrawal of Germany from the Far East presages a declaration of war either on the part of Berlin or Tokyo.

Withdrawal of German men-of-war from Japanese and Chinese waters and the disarmament of such as cannot be removed, and the evacuation of Kiaochow by September 15, the Japanese demands, would strike a blow at German commerce and halt the aggressive operations upon British and French merchantmen already under way.

Tokyo does not expect its demands to be granted, and the issue is clearly drawn.

Hostilities may not be delayed until Sunday.

Germany's declaration of war upon Japan is likely to follow as swiftly as she acted against Russia, France, and England.

JAPAN READY TO STRIKE.

In that event, Japan is ready to | Japanese and Chinese waters German strike, and a new theater of hostili- men-of-war and armed vessels of all ties will be added to the "war of the nations."

Foreign Minister Takaaki Kato has called on American Ambassador Guthrie in Tokyo and presented the situation to perial Japanese authorities without conhim. He said the action of the Japanese government was in the interest of peace n the Orient.

The Japanese position, said the foreign ninister, is that the presence of Ger-nan warships in Far Eastern waters and the maintenance there of a German base, is detrimental to peace in the Orient, inasmuch as trading vessels are

The ambassador was requested to emphasize to his home government that Japan had no territorial designs her-The German colonies she turned back to China. The foreign minister gave the most profuse assurances of Japan's friendship to the United States, and declared that under no cir-cumstances will anything be permitted that would in any way offend the Gov-ernment of the United States. The ultimatum follows:

"We consider it highly important and in audition to delivering a copy to Count necessary in the present situation to von Rex, the German ambassador to take measures to remove the causes of all disturbances of the peace in the Far East, and to safeguard the general interests as contemplated by the agreement of alliance between Japan and Sust 23.

Great Britain.
"In order to secure a Jirm and enduring peace in eastern Asia the establishment of which is the aim of the

To insure the delivery of the ultimatum, it was forwarded to Berlin through ington, London, Peking, and Stockholm

kinds, and to disarm at once those

later than September 15, to the im-

dition or compensation, the entire

leased territory of Klauchau, with a

view to the eventual restoration of the

August 23, 1914, an answer from the

imperial German government signifying

above advice offered by the imperial Japanese government, Japan will be compelled to take such action as she may deem necessary to meet the sit-

Through Six Channels.

acceptance of the

"The imperial Japanese government announces at the same time that in the

"Second, to deliver on a date

which cannot be so withdrawn.

same to China.

its unconditional

untion.

Further to insure its receipt, the time limit for answering was set until Au-

Immediately upon announcing its attitude, the Japanese premier, Count Okuma addressed meetings in Tokyo of merchants and members of parliament. In company with the Japanese foreign

tablishment of which is the aim of the said agreement, the imperial Japanese government sincerely believes it to be minister Takaaki Kato, the premier de its duty to give the advice to the imperial German government to carry out perial German government to carry out the carry out that Germany's a grandizement, but that Germany's a tivities in Asiatic waters menaced the said of the said o the following two propositions: Itivities in Asiatic waters menaced the "First, to withdraw immediately from commercial relations of the East, and